



Lt. Col. Robert M. Dobson

August 25, 1928 - August 15, 2020

Lt. Col. Robert M. Dobson, 91 of Jacksonville, passed away on August 15, 2020. He was born on August 25, 1928 in Sylacauga, Alabama to Porter Dobson and Gladys Pate.

He is survived by his wife, Martha M. Dobson; daughter, Judy Dobson; grandchildren, Joseph Wade, Robert M. Dobson, Ashley Howard Vohun and Lindsey B. Howard; six great grandchildren; a sister, Mildred Alice Gorey, and many nieces, nephews and extended family members.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Sarah Dobson; parents, Porter Dobson and Gladys Pate and his sons, Joseph Scott Dobson and Robert B. Howard.

Col. Dobson was a veteran of WWII, Korea and Vietnam. He served for 26 years. He dropped out of high school to enlist in the Army. He had two tours in Japan, first with the Occupational Forces and second during the Korea Conflict. He also served in Germany, Vietnam, Thailand and Guam. He was a dual rated Navigator and Electronics Countermeasure Officer. He was also a B-52 crew member, Command Post Controller, Wing Weapons Officer, Academic Instructor, Operations Officer, Intelligence Officer and Unit Commander. He had the ability to work with people to solve problems which was recognized early in his career.

Mr. Dobson was a three time graduate of Jacksonville State University. After retiring from the military, he taught at Ohatchee High School for 16 years. He loved teaching and his students. He believed everyone could learn and encouraged them to take the more difficult courses. His first chemistry class only had 10 students enrolled and at the time of his retirement, his enrollment had increased by at least 70 percent.

He was very active in his community where he taught Sunday School at First United Methodist Church of Jacksonville. He was also active in Retired Teachers and Retired Military Officers, holding offices in each. He joined Jacksonville Exchange Club where he met his wife, Martha. They were jointly awarded the "Book of Golden Deeds."

Mr. Dobson was known for baking pecan pies, chocolate chip cookies and fudge and sharing them with the sick and elderly. He also donated them to charity organizations for auctions. There was a great demand for his baked goods.

A memorial service will be on Sunday, September 13, 2020 at 2:00 pm at First United Methodist Church in Jacksonville. The service will also be live-streamed on YouTube and Facebook.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP 13. 2:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church of Jacksonville
109 Gayle Ave SW
Jacksonville, AL 36265

Tribute Wall

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“ Only got to be around Bob a few times, but he and Martha always made us feel welcome when we visited them and we never left empty handed. My husband loved Bob's pecan pies and visiting with him. Martha has been a long time friend and our love and prayers go out to her and the family.

Sandra r Mills - August 21, 2020 at 03:09 PM

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“ Col. Dobson was a great teacher, he was one of my teachers at Ohatchee. Prayers going up 🙏 for his family in their time of sorrow. May God give you the strength to endure.

Icye Gladden - August 20, 2020 at 10:33 PM

JO

“ Col. Dobson was my 7th grade math teacher. He was such an awesome teacher! Prayers for your family
Jennifer Ogle Class of 1995 Ohatchee.

Jennifer Ogle - August 20, 2020 at 09:13 PM

SJ

“ What a wonderful teacher-blessed to have been his student. He has left a tremendous legacy to his family. Sherri Clark Jones, class of '75

Sherri Clark Jones - August 20, 2020 at 12:03 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Lt. Col. Robert M. Dobson.



August 20, 2020 at 09:10 AM



“ I was honored to be taught by Col. Dopson at Ohatchee High School in the 80s. He loved his students and we loved him! Rest In Peace, Col. Dopson. Rhonda Smitherman C/O 1987

Rhonda Smitherman - August 19, 2020 at 09:44 PM



LTC Dobson was a great teacher, who set an example for others to emulate. I have thought about him over the years many times. What I learned from him, not just physics and chemistry, has helped throughout my life. He was truly one of a kind. Until we meet again, sir.....

Pete Baxter - August 20, 2020 at 08:58 AM



Col. Dobson was a caring and fantastic educator, and a man of integrity and great character. It was an honor and privilege to be his student. My thoughts and prayer are with family. With deep respect and sincere gratitude!

Tuan Pham - August 20, 2020 at 11:04 AM



As a former student of Col. Dobson my thoughts and prayers are with his family during this time. Col. Dobson was a wonderful teacher.

LW - August 20, 2020 at 01:22 PM

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What a truly gentleman "Colonel" was !! I had the privilege of teaching across the hall from Colonel. Prayers and love sent to his family.

Kay Boozer - August 20, 2020 at 03:16 PM